

20: Inmate TA*

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03 E- What did you think about the project?

04 T- I really enjoyed the Makeright project. At the beginning my disability caused some problems specially reading and that, and also 'cause I only started taking my add medication literally after week 1. Since when the body got used to the medication it helped a lot since I could concentrate on making the bags mmm I find it difficult to do a quick prototype... but it think was really, really important.

05 E- How would you describe it to others?

06 T- Yes, you are making an anti-theft bag but you are learning a lot of skills... and you are learning a lot of patience. Yes, a lot of patience.

07 E- Like/ dislike?

08 T- The rush. Also 'cause we missed some days, and then we have to rush I think it should be more of an 8 to 10 week course.

E- What knowledge and skills did you have from before?

10 T- Can I say what I gained from the course? 'Cause I want to go into textiles or in sewing, is open my eyes that I can do stuff if I take my time and patience... the situation as a whole. 'Cause J and I, S said the volunteers said we were like husband and wife 'cause we were arguing ... he was very blunt with me and I was very blunt with him and we didn't take it personally.

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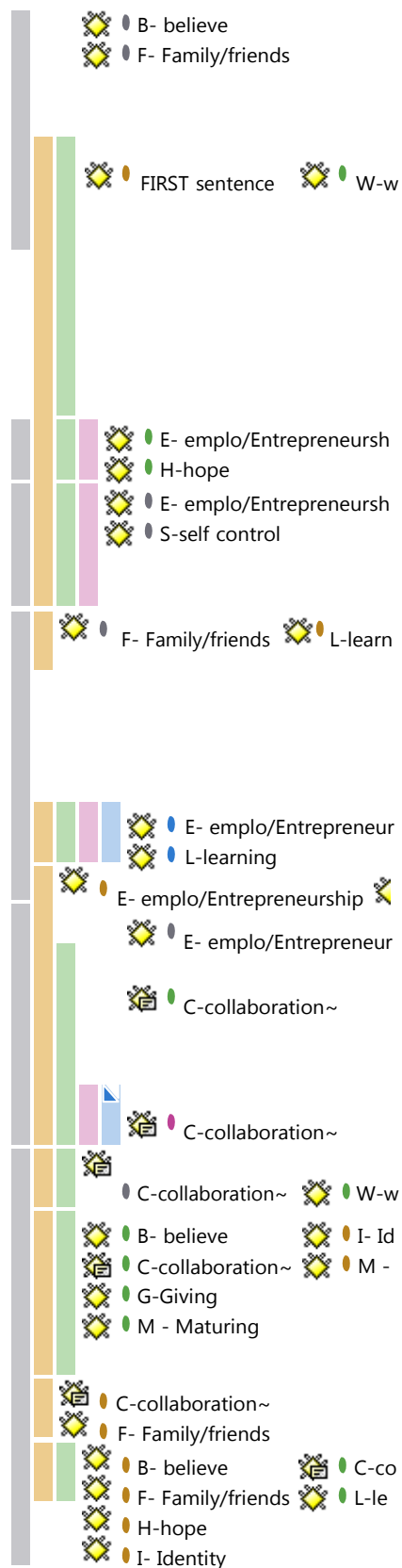
12 Basically I learned a lot I can procrastinate a lot... instead of doing something important I was doing something wasn't that important. And being realistic. Being realistic of what I can and can't do.

E- Any experience and knowledge ...?

T- Organizing things, kind of like ... what was the question?





15 E- You have answered already.

16 T- I learned how to make a bag, and the process...



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- 18 Also made me think what to do, also 'cause I want to make this bag when I get out, so making me think 'cause I will be paying for it so I need to be more economical. How can I do this, can I really achieve this at this moment of time. And more thinking skills.

 I- Identity
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- 20 E- How was your experience in school?

- 21 T- I love learning but my experience of school was terrible. I was abused and bullied ... so my education came when I lived on the streets after the age of 15-16 till the age of 20. That's when I started learning stuff.

 L-learning

- 22 E- In the streets?





- 23 T- Yeah, during the day I would do voluntary work and college, and after college I would go and sleep on the streets, for 5 years. And by doing that, I said to my friends they say they can't study, well go study on the streets for a while and so they say, you can study anywhere, is all open mind. Is all in the mind, I can't do this, is all on your mind.

 S-self control

 W-wellbeing




- 24 E- What did you study in college?

- 25 T- That time I did English maths, sign language, mob, Business Administration. I slept on the streets but I didn't live on the streets, I knew where to go but made sure I had a routine.

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- 26 E- How is this course different?

- 27 T- More challenging, for a change. I find most are just too simple. I stopped to do embedded English, is too simple. This makes me think. Also say when you say at times you are really busy and you can't really help I have to go and right ahhhhhhh! Ok I have to do this what I need to do? Makes me more independent.

 B- believe
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- 28 T- When you are making something you have an end product. But on your English or mathematics you don't really have an end piece - ok the certificate, but does it really help. These skills I'm picking up now, if I go get a job in dry cleaners or something and I need to make alterations... this can give me a livelihood. English is making me feel less as a person because is no really challenging me that am why

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I really want to go back to university. So I can say to people yes, I did this, I did wrong and prison, but I come through it, I have a family, I have a future, I have to focus on my future, their future, they are more important, rather than what I was doing that get me in prison. People tell me I am very insightful ... of what caused me to do the offence or whatever and how people react...

- 29 It is very, very easy to give up, and go into a tantrum like a little child. Some prison put you to things just 'cause you have nothing else... whilst I wanted to do this. I like the idea of making bags for a charity I like the idea of doing stuff.

30 E- Any memorable moments?

- 31 T- Oh there is too many, too many. Friday morning just before we did our thing. J said you actually got a bag. Wowwww is difficult to see, but yeah, his reaction about it.

32 E- What were you comfortable or uncomfortable with?

- 33 T- Well you know I was uncomfortable with the Friday situation. ...comfortable explaining my persona and that talking about why doing this bag. I still laugh at J, his reaction; he said you can put the kitchen sink in it. And I smile at him and the next day I apologized, and by that saying this to me I think actually is this going to be just another bag for the kitchen sink or is it something can this bag be useful.

34 E- Did you tell anyone about this project?

- 35 T- Yeah. My wife, my probation officer, people I know quite a lot. Actually I have not much contact with the outside in the world I only spoke, I only have contact with my wife but when I spoke to my solicitor, my probation officer I told them so it helps me go in parole as well.

36 E- What did your wife say?


- 37 T- Brilliant. Amazing. I want to give her a proper picture of the bag so you actually see what is like.

38 E- Did you notice any changes?

- 39 T- You see before I started my medication I loved your reaction to



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me when I came in the mornings. You were like T! Slowly, after about a week, don't you realise I'm more calm? And is like I can actually think. Whilst before I couldn't think, is like being born but not being told how to do anything. I was there sitting and going what am I actually doing? Brain freeze. But I have seen the changes in my work. So I notice that I am a lot calmer.

 W-wellbeing




40 E- What about your mood?

41 T- Yes I'm more relaxed. I mean I'm anxious because what has happened but ah... I know that I will have to face it when I go out, if they recognize me for what I have done, but will have to face it. But I'm not coming back; there is no way I'm coming back.

 H-hope



42 E- Hopes and fears?

43 T- Fear that I don't finish the project because of the incident but the hopes is that this may open more doors for me, by going to Hackney College or doing other stuff. But also I need to be careful is that I have a lot of ideas but then I don't finish, don't get anything done so I need to be careful and get good at it and then progress further.

 H-hope
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 M - Maturing

44 E- Did this make you think differently about your plans?

45 T- Yes 'cause I wouldn't have thought of going to college. It's changed a lot of things, it's given me another tool that I can use to try get employment 'cause I know employment is going to be very hard for me to do so I may have to become self-employed. So I could end up doing stuff at home yeah 'cause I will still be doing my knitting.

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 H-hope

46 E- Why do you like knitting?

47 T- 'Cause has an end, I will make a jumper. Like a bag. While when is office working you have mountains of work piling up. When does it end?

 L-learning

48 E- You said you have done many courses in offending behaviour, does this complement it, or is different...?

49 T- I wouldn't say has nothing to do with it. Because is also doing sort of restorative justice making us think about reducing crime, in that sense is good 'cause people that are here for theft and stuff it helps them see what the consequences are.

 G-Giving



50 E- Volunteers?

51 T- Yes I like the volunteers, working with people is sometimes
difficult 'cause of the noise but yes working with people is
good.

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52 E- What do you take from it?

53 T- It's giving me a purpose, a purpose to get on with life and focus on
achieving stuff. Yeah.

 G-Giving
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